

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO SC STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the facilities provided to scheduled caste students including scholarships and hostel facility studying abroad;
- (b) the number of students to whom scholarships has been provided during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the State-wise number of scheduled caste students whose names were sent for studying abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a): Under this Ministry's Scheme of 'National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. candidates' financial assistance is provided for pursuing Master level courses and Ph.D abroad in specified fields of study. The components of the Scholarship include:-

- i) annual maintenance allowance;
- ii) contingency allowance;
- iii) actual fees;
- iv) actual poll tax;
- v) visa fees;
- vi) medical insurance premium;
- vii) equipment allowance;
- viii) air passage from India and back; and
- ix) incidental journey expenses.

The candidates are also permitted to supplement their prescribed allowances by undertaking Research/Teaching Assistantship upto prescribed ceilings.

(b) & (c): As per the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme, the finally selected candidates are required to obtain admission and join an accredited university / institution abroad within three years from the date of communication of selection. The selection process for 2010-11 is underway. The State-wise number of students selected under the Scheme from 2007-08 to 2009-10 alongwith number of students who availed scholarship is at Annexure.